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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jody Behlke, 33, Platteville, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 129 months in federal prison. Behlke pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography on March 12, 2008. Judge Crabb also imposed a lifetime term of supervised release on Behlke and ordered him to pay a \$100 criminal assessment.

Behlke possessed over 5000 images and 278 movies of child pornography. At today's sentencing, the judge noted that Behlke had a prior conviction in 2006 in Grant County Circuit Court for possession of child pornography, and received a sentence of imprisonment and three years of probation. Judge Crabb also noted that while on probation, and while receiving sex offender treatment, Behlke was ordered not to possess a computer and not to view images of child pornography, but he did both. The court found that Behlke's violations of his state probation, coupled with his continued use of illegal drugs, showed that he was not amenable to changing his behavior patterns.

While acknowledging that Behlke had a rough childhood, Judge Crabb pointed

out that Behlke possessed over 5000 images of child pornography and another 278 movies. Given this conduct, she indicated that a sentence in the middle of the sentencing guidelines was warranted.

The charges against Behlke were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

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